

# CONDUCT & HONOR AT WILLIAM & MARY

Educating Students by Maintaining our  
Community Values

# The Conduct and Honor Systems at W&M

## Mission:

- Educate students about obligations to their community and our behavioral expectations
- Provide fair means of addressing alleged violations
- Use the disciplinary process as an opportunity to educate student to make better choices and grow from the experience (in most cases)
- Protect/maintain community when student has repeated violations or is a substantial safety or integrity risk

# Principles

- Treat students with respect and dignity
- Evaluate each situation independently while maintaining standards
- Provide a fair and educationally-appropriate process; provide students with required Due Process (notice, opportunity to respond, impartial fact-finder)
- Maintain a safe/fair educational environment for all students
- Teach students to understand rights and responsibilities as a member of the WM community

# Rights and Responsibilities

- Student Rights:

- To know the community's expectations (Handbook)
- To have established procedures to address alleged infractions
- To notice of alleged violation and opportunity to respond
- To fair process to resolve reports
- To appeal

- Other rights

- To have Student counsel
- To bring witnesses
- To testify on own behalf
- To privacy/confidentiality

- Responsibilities

- To respect rights of others and the College
- To cooperate with any investigation
- To candor/truthfulness

# Our Standards

- Honor:
  - Students pledge not to lie, cheat, or steal
- Conduct:
  - Alcohol/Drugs
  - Disruptive Conduct
  - Conduct Infringing on Rights of Others
  - Damage to Property
  - Endangering Health/Safety
  - Breaching Campus Safety/Security
  - Hazing
  - Unwanted Contact, Sexual Misconduct, Harassment

# The Councils

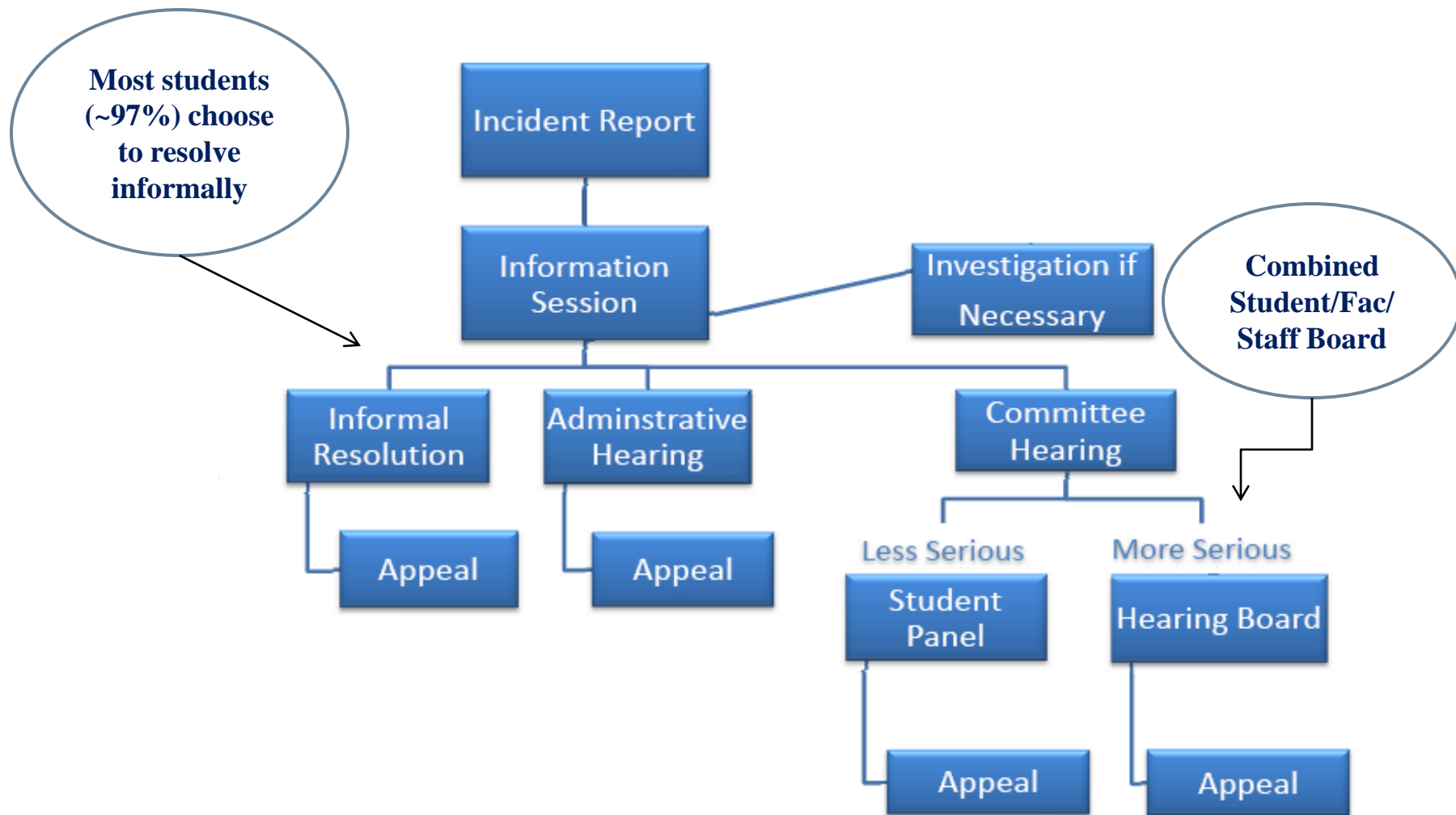
- Honor Councils
  - Six Councils: Five Grad/Professional and Undergraduate Council
    - Students are selected/elected in accordance with standards set by their governing bodies
  - Student-run: DOS advises and assists in training of Council, as well as meets regularly with Chairs
- Student Conduct Council
  - Students selected by governing bodies
  - 13 undergraduate and 15 graduate members
  - Faculty and staff appointed by Provost and VPSA
  - Advised and trained by DOS

# Authority/Jurisdiction

- **Honor:** students expected to act with honor in their academic and personal lives
  - ▣ Honor has no specific geographic limitations, but alleged conduct must affect the College community in some meaningful way
- **Conduct:** applies on campus property and streets/sidewalks adjacent to campus
  - ▣ Off campus conduct may be addressed if it “adversely affects the College community or its members”

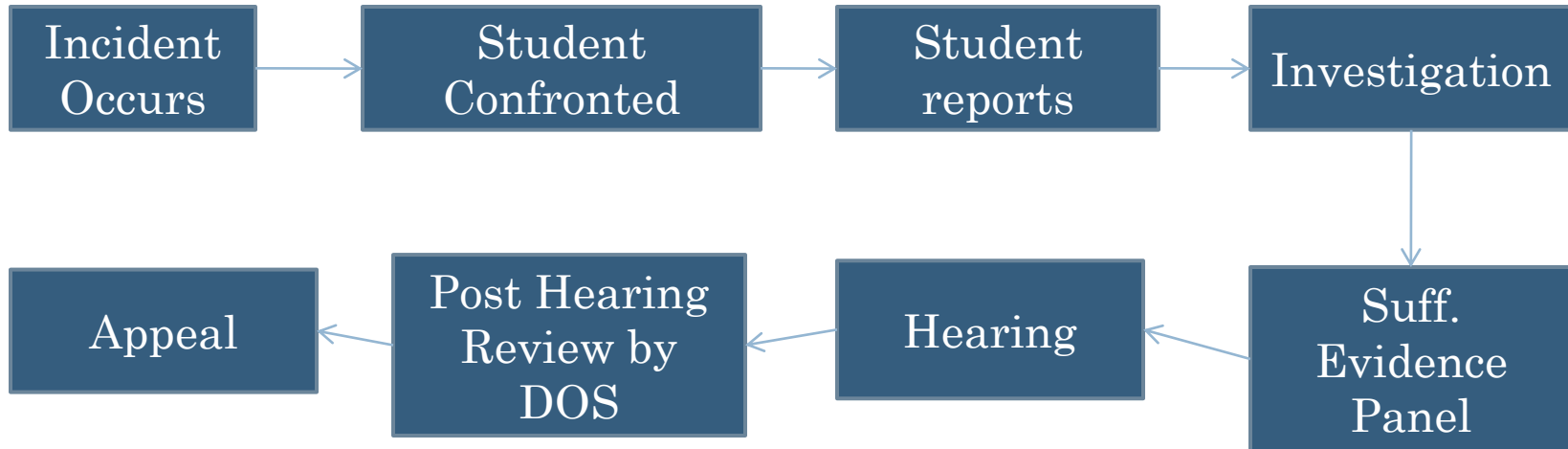


# Student Conduct Process





# Honor Council Process



# Some Conduct Stats



- Only 10% of the student body as a whole ever meets with a member of the Dean of Students staff for conduct reasons.
- 97-98% of those students elect to resolve their incidents informally.
- In only 2% of cases is it determined that separation from the College for a period of time would be the most beneficial course for both the student and the College.